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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Missouri School for the Blind is once again hosting the Regional Braille Challenge. It will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012, and we encourage your child to participate. The Braille Challenge, sponsored by the Braille Institute, is an academic contest for Braille readers. The student can demonstrate his/her Braille skills, depending on grade level, in the areas of spelling, reading comprehension, proofreading, speed and accuracy, as well as charts and graphs. This is a contest, not a test. It is meant to be enjoyed and serve as a reward for the skills and the hard work of our Braille readers.

Enclosed is information that will hopefully answer any questions you may have about the Braille Challenge. In order for your child to participate, please complete the enclosed permission form and application form and return them to MSB no later than January 26, 2012, Attn: Christina Klevorn by either mail, e-mail or fax.

Participants who are not MSB students must provide his/her own Perkins Braille (this year ANY manual braille is allowed—Next Generation, Light Touch and Classic Perkins), and for students participating in the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Sophomore contests a Victor Stream or Book Port Plus with earbuds or headphones. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christina Klevorn at X 4162, or Christina.Klevorn@msb.dese.mo.gov.

MSB is looking forward to hosting this contest, and hopes that all of our Braille readers will take advantage of this opportunity to show off their Braille skills.

Sincerely,

Joy Waddell

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Enclosures